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INTERVIEW SUMMARIES

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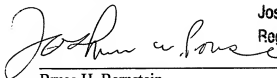
Sir:

In a telephone interview on September 17, 2010, Examiner Alsip explained to Applicants' representative, Joshua M. Povsner, an interpretation of "access" to recording areas in Applicants' claims as encompassing both selection of a recording area and writing to a selected area. In a subsequent telephone interview on September 28, 2010, Examiner Alsip and Applicants' representative, Joshua M. Povsner, discussed potential claim amendments to avoid the Examiner's interpretation of Applicants' pending claims as reading on OUCHI (JP 2000-181784). The Examiner indicated that, at best, his current interpretation of the claims in view of OUCHI could be avoided by potential amendments as discussed, and not necessarily other potential interpretations of OUCHI or other documents that might be applied.

The Examiner's Interview Summaries mailed September 22, 2010 and October 4, 2010 provide accurate characterizations of the telephone interviews.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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